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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 15, 2002

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, the Applicants respectfully respond as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A gel composition, comprising:
an ester compound; and
a polymer compound having at least one rigid block and one elastic block selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof,
wherein the gel composition is substantially free of mineral oils,
wherein the ester is represented by one of the following formulas:

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